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**January 2011 Red Meat Production**

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.0 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during January 2011, down 28 percent from January 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, down 24 percent from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 21 pounds to 1,181 pounds from last year.

During January there were 8000 hogs slaughtered, down 200 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 268 pounds, increased 6 pounds from last year. January sheep slaughter totaled 200 head, unchanged from January 2010. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds from last year to 106 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

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